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1. In addition to the training hospitals of the Medical Academy the following hospitals are to be found in Gdansk (Danzig) and vicinity:

a. The Municipal Hospital

b. The Railroad Hospital

Gdansk, ul. Swierczewskiego.

c. The UB Polyclinic

d. The Naval Hospital

Oliwa, Aleja Sprzymierzonych.

2. The Municipal Hospital includes the following Departments

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a. Men's and Women's Surgical Departments which have 3 operating theaters,
2 dressing rooms, approximately 90 beds and a medical staff of four doctors.

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b. Medical Department which has approximately 90 beds and a medical staff of
four doctors.

c. Maternity Department which has infant and pre-natal clinics, approximately
45 beds, and a staff of two doctors.

d. Gynecological Department which has approximately 40 beds and a staff of two
doctors.

3. The technical equipment of these departments in the Municipal Hospital is rather primitive and antiquated. Plans for the modernization of the hospital are encountering extensive administrative and financial difficulties. Investments are purely accidental and are usually due to the initiative and very energetic personal endeavors made by the doctors in charge. From the point of view of administration and finance, the hospital is subordinated to the Health Department of the Municipal National Council (M.R.N.) headed by Wanda Tyszkowa. It is practically impossible to expand the existing operating theaters and dressing rooms

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in the building now occupied by the hospital, nor is there any possibility of accommodating resident physicians without curtailment of space devoted to patients. The hospital is now being enlarged, which should bring some improvement in the present situation.

4. In the summer of 1952 the adaptation for hospital use of an adjoining building was completed and the Maternity and Gynecological Departments were transferred there (see sketch point 2). Moreover new wings (see sketch point 1) are under construction. In an emergency something could be done to adapt other adjoining buildings. The completion of a new wing which at the moment is in a very raw state will solve the difficulties in handling the arrival of patients now caused by the bottleneck at the entrance to the main building. At present there is not sufficient room for a number of ambulances with patients to halt in front of the entrance and to take out their patients efficiently.
5. The main building as well as the newly adapted one (Sketch points 2 and 3) are made of brick, and are old but in good condition. Water and plumbing installations work efficiently. The telephone installations are good on the whole, excepting in a few rooms used by doctors-on-duty where telephones have been out of commission for some time.
6. The main approach to the hospital is by the wide, asphalted Ul. Swierczewskiego. It lies at about 100 to 450 meters from the nearest railway station. There is no tree cover in the immediate neighborhood of the hospital; the nearest are to be found in the park on the other side of the railway line (sketch point 10).
7. The standard of medical and nursing service in this hospital is comparatively high. Patients are better cared for than in the Medical Academy. Difficulties in medical work are created by the limited capacity of the laboratory where analyses are made. Moreover there is a general shortage of nurses and orderlies which is also felt in all other hospitals. Patients in need of radiological examinations and ray-therapy (radium, etc.) in connection with growths are sent by the hospital to the Medical Academy. Patients are admitted to the Municipal Hospitals on the basis of certificates issued by the regional physicians.
8. The Railroad Hospital is subordinated, as far as organization goes, to the Health Department of D.O.K.T.P. (District Board of State Railroads).
9. Before being engaged for work by the Personnel Section of the Voivodship UB, employees of the Security Apparatus are sent to its own polyclinic for a medical and fitness examination. The examination is very thorough. The candidates are given a chit, mimeographed form with a triangular stamp affixed in navy blue ink. The doctors employed at the U.B. Polyclinic also work in other institutions of the Health Service. An old employee of the U.B. Polyclinic is Dr. Kieszkowski (brother of Tadeusz). Until 1952 Dr. Zdzislaw Dobrzanski also worked here
10. The Polyclinic treats established employees of the UB and their families, persons employed in the UB, MO, and PZPR committees, and some of the officers of the Fire Service.
11. It is impossible to get a patients file from the UB to use for further treatment. The hospital has up to date installations, and its own means of transportation for its patients. The building is of brick, is modern, and has a convenient wooded approach along old roadside trees. The entrance is strictly controlled.

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- It employs only two doctors and eight nurses. The standard of treatment is low, especially in the medical ward. There is one operating theater and the equipment is poor. The building is of brick and stands in a large garden. There are good chances for expansion, the whole of the third floor is empty. Moreover the adjoining building which is owned by the hospital is due to be done up. The whole installation lies in the middle of ruins. The hospital has two ambulances. There is no tree cover and no railway line nearby.

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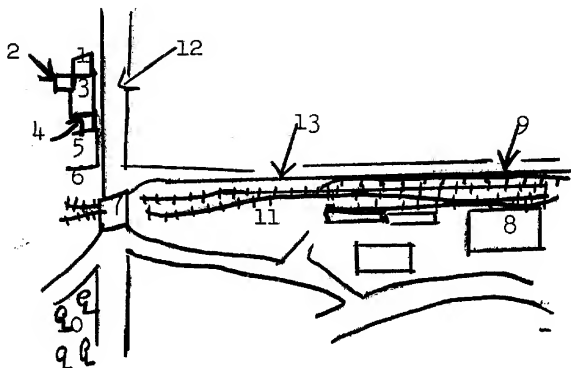
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18. The Port Specialists Outpatients' Center deals with the areas of Nowy Port, Brzezna, Letniewo, and it treats inhabitants of these areas as well as employees of the Gdansk port and seamen. The manager is Dr. Aleksander Zdanowicz. The Center has one passenger auto, one ambulance and one van.
19. It is divided into Centers 'A' and 'B' which are housed in separate buildings, about 500 meters apart. It employs 11 doctors and 23 nurses.
20. Center 'A' has the following departments: General, Surgical (with a small operating theater), Laryngological, Oculist, Anti-T.B. for adults, Anti-T.B. for children, BCG vaccination station, Dental section (with three chairs), Anti-alcoholic, Dermatological and VD section, Physio-therapy department, and laboratory. The building also contains a well supplied dispensary and a penicillin station (for injection when prescribed). The Center has two X-ray machines, 2 electro-cardiographs, physio-therapy lamps, and 1 dental X-ray machine. Plans have been made for the organization of a sick bay with 15 beds. Nurses and the janitor live in the building. Some of the nurses live in service flats on Ul. Sniezna in Letniewo. Center 'A' is located in the new building (built 1952), which has inside water, plumbing, and gas installations. Railway lines lie at a distance of about 500 meters. There is no tree cover except for a few single trees nearby. 25X1
21. Center 'B' has a section for expectant mothers, for sick and healthy children and a gynecological section. The building is old and has been adapted for its present purposes. It also contains a few flats for employees. The distance to the railway station is about 50 meters and there are no trees.
22. The Health Center of the Gdansk Shipyard treats employees of the shipyard. The director is Dr. Badowski (fnu). It has the following sections: Surgical, Medical, Industrial hygiene, Dental, Anti-alcoholic, Anti-T.B., Physio-therapy, and a laboratory. The equipment is up-to-date although the building has been adapted to its present use. The Center has its own ambulance, nine doctors, and 14 nurses.
23. The VII Municipal Specialists Outpatients' Center conforms to the generally accepted model of a health center, combined with a sanitation office. It employs about 12 doctors and 20 nurses. There is difficulty in finding an efficient and energetic director for this center. The equipment is sufficient although the laboratory is small. The building is an old one adapted for the purpose. Nearby are trees, a park and an avenue. The distance from a railway line is about 200 meters. The center has no transportation of its own but uses vehicles of the Voivodship First Aid Post.

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Key to Sketch

1. Wing under construction.
2. Adapted part (Maternity and Gynecology Departments).
3. Main building - Municipal Hospital.
4. Dermatological Tb.c. department .
5. Municipal National Council and Bank.
6. Car park.
7. Road bridge over railway line.
8. Railway station.
9. Points for possible transportation of patients.
10. Park - nearest tree cover to hospital.
11. Freight station.
12. Ulica Swierczewskiego.
13. Ulica 3go Maja.

Distance to hospital from various points

Point 8 - 450 meters.

Point 11 - 350 meters.

Point 7 - 100 meters.

Point 9 - 300 meters.

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